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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0052740
- (2) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0022960
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,321,226
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,061,679
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,907,821
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,870,740
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,781,884
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 5,729,741
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 5,721,939
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 5,649,060
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 5,500,920
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 5,136,655
- (13) U.S. Patent No. 4,980,918
- (14) WO 02/27546
- (15) WO 01/31627
- (16) WO 00/54168

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(21) Sankoff, D., et al, "Time Warps, String Edits, And Macromolecules: The Theory And Practice Of Sequence Comparison", Bell Laboratories and David Sankoff (1983), Ch. One, pp. 1-44; Part Three, pp. 211-214; Ch. Eleven, pp. 311-318, Ch. Sixteen, pp. 359-362.

Documents (3), (6) to (13), (18) and (19) were uncovered in connection with document (1), a related application.

Documents (4), (5), (15) to (17) and (2) were uncovered in connection with document (14), a related application.

Document (21) was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement dated September 7, 2001. Specific pages from this reference are being cited herein.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, enclosed is a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the

claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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